

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5473

58th Legislature
2003 Regular Session

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YEAS 44 NAYS 0

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 9, 2003
YEAS 92 NAYS 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,
Secretary of the Senate of the
State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5473 as
passed by the Senate and the House
of Representatives on the dates
hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, B. Sheldon, Johnson, Kohl-Welles, Winsley and Rasmussen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/21/03.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing law enforcement officers with training
2 in interaction with persons with a developmental disability or mental
3 illness; and adding a new section to chapter 43.101 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The commission must offer a training session on law enforcement
8 interaction with persons with a developmental disability or mental
9 illness. The training must be developed by the commission in
10 consultation with appropriate self advocate and family advocate groups
11 and with appropriate community, local, and state organizations and
12 agencies that have expertise in the area of working with persons with
13 a developmental disability or mental illness. In developing the
14 course, the commission must also examine existing courses certified by
15 the commission that relate to persons with a developmental disability
16 or mental illness.

17 (2) The training must consist of classroom instruction or internet
18 instruction and shall replicate likely field situations to the maximum

1 extent possible. The training should include, at a minimum, core
2 instruction in all of the following:

3 (a) The cause and nature of mental illnesses and developmental
4 disabilities;

5 (b) How to identify indicators of mental illness and developmental
6 disability and how to respond appropriately in a variety of common
7 situations;

8 (c) Conflict resolution and de-escalation techniques for
9 potentially dangerous situations involving persons with a developmental
10 disability or mental illness;

11 (d) Appropriate language usage when interacting with persons with
12 a developmental disability or mental illness;

13 (e) Alternatives to lethal force when interacting with potentially
14 dangerous persons with a developmental disability or mental illness;
15 and

16 (f) Community and state resources available to serve persons with
17 a developmental disability or mental illness and how these resources
18 can be best used by law enforcement to benefit persons with a
19 developmental disability or mental illness in their communities.

20 (3) The training shall be made available to law enforcement
21 agencies, through electronic means, for use at their convenience and
22 determined by the internal training needs and resources of each agency.

23 (4) The commission shall make all reasonable efforts to secure
24 private and nonstate public funds to implement this section.

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